

SENATE RESOLUTION 192

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Aaron Lemual Whitaker on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron Lemual Whitaker is one such estimable person who has served the City of Lynchburg and Moore County with probity for many years; and

WHEREAS, a native and lifetime resident of Lynchburg, Mr. Whitaker was born on January 31, 1909 to loving parents, Arma and Cilia Whitaker; and

WHEREAS, growing up on a farm, Mr. Whitaker learned to rely on the time-honored values of hard work and integrity; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Whitaker diligently worked construction and helped shape the City of Lynchburg; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Lemual Whitaker bravely served in the United States Army during the Second World War and was stationed in Tuskegee, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Mr. Whitaker accepted a position as Custodian for the Moore County Courthouse, the Library, the Senior Citizens Center and the Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, he diligently served in this position for many years and he was reassigned to focus his duties on the Library; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of Moore County, Mr. Whitaker is the oldest World War II Veteran in Lynchburg and acts as a volunteer 'historian' for those interested in the city's history; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep conviction, Mr. Whitaker is a member of the Church of Christ and possesses a profound knowledge of Biblical texts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitaker has been fortunate to share love and companionship with his devoted wife, Aurette Green Whitaker; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud father of four children, Gene Howard Whitaker, Betty Jo Whitaker, James Henry Whitaker and William Phillip Whitaker; and

WHEREAS, he is also the loving grandfather of nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron Lemual Whitaker exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has been described as "faithful, gentle, kind, hard working, strong, a true American, and a good friend", by all who know him; and

WHEREAS, a man of such stature deserves our respect and our recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Mr. Aaron Lemual Whitaker our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.